

## Protests by Arab mayors

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (R)**—The Israeli authorities have banned two Arab mayors from the occupied West Bank of Jerusalem from holding further demonstrations against plans to build a Jewish settlement near the Arab town of Hebron, military sources said here today. Hebron Mayor Fahed Qawasmeh and mayor of nearby Halhoul, Mr. Mohammad Hassan Milhem, led a demonstration earlier this week near the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron where Israeli bulldozers were clearing some 150 acres (60 hectares) adjoining the settlement. Military sources said the two mayors were yesterday summoned to the military governor who told them demonstrations against the expansion were illegal. The mayors said the land was being cleared by Hebron residents while Israel claimed the plot belonged to the government. Mr. Qawasmeh said he would seek a high court injunction against the expansion work.

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## Shariat-Madari, Khomeini supporters clash in Tabriz

**AN, Jan. 5 (R)** — Violent clashes between followers of two leading ayatollahs took place in the northwestern city of Tabriz today and hospital sources said at least 150 people were treated for cuts, knife wounds and lacerations.

Revolutionary guard roadblocks were checking cars along the 150 kilometre road between the city and the provincial capital of East Azerbaijan, and there was fighting between the university and government buildings.

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leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Eyewitnesses said a hostile pro-Khomeini crowd had attacked people leaving the Azerbaijani leader's house, just 500 metres from that of Ayatollah Khomeini.

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### LATE NEWS

**TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (R)** — Twenty-eight people were killed and more than 100 wounded in gun battles between rival Sunni and Shi'ite Muslim factions in the Gulf port of Bandar Lengeh today, the state radio said. The clashes broke out after prayers at the port's main mosque, the governor of the nearby port of Bandar Abbas, Mr. Abdullah Mohaghe, told Reuters by telephone. The radio said the police and gendarmes were now controlling Bandar Lengeh.

South from Tehran to Qom. Hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated in Tehran and other major cities today in response to a statement by the radical pro-Khomeini Qom Clergy Society condemning the clashes in the holy city and criticising Ayatollah Shariat-Madari for failing to prevent them.

The society declared today a national holiday, a move swiftly seconded by Muslim students

holding 49 American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, but only later formally approved by the ruling Revolutionary Council. The students said the demonstration must be directed at the United States which they blamed for the Qom violence but their statement also criticised Ayatollah Shariat-Madari without naming him.

In Tabriz, a spokesman for the local pro-Khomeini religious leader Ayatollah Assadollah Madani, said rioters had burnt cars and ripped portraits of Iran's revolutionary leader.

Other sources said pro-Shariat-Madari supporters were headed for the local radio and television station, which they captured briefly last night. The sources said it was now surrounded by revolutionary guards.

A spokesman at Ayatollah Shariat-Madari's home in Qom said the Azerbaijani leader had sent a message to Tabriz asking his followers not to set out for the holy city. Earlier today he issued a statement calling for calm in all the country's regions.

The tension between his followers and those of Ayatollah Khomeini arises from his opposition to articles of the new Islamic constitution which give the revolutionary leader supreme powers.

In another move to recapture the political limelight, which shifted to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim during his three-day visit last week, the students yesterday demanded that the most senior U.S. diplomat in Iran be handed over to them by the foreign ministry.

They said it was up to the ministry to ensure that Charge d'Affaires Bruce Laingen was taken to the embassy for interrogation on alleged espionage documents discovered there.

Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh, whose ministry is holding Mr. Laingen and two other American aides in protective custody, wrote to Ayatollah Khomeini today, asking him to decide on the student's demand.

Meanwhile the spiritual leader of Iran's Kurdish minority, Sheikh Ezzeddin Hosseini, called today for demonstrations throughout Kurdistan tomorrow to demand the unconditional withdrawal of Islamic revolutionary guards from the region.

Sheikh Hosseini's call telephoned to news agencies by the Kurdish Society in Tehran, criticised the Tehran government's peace delegation to Kurdistan for rejecting a locally-agreed deal to remove the guards from the Kurdish city of Sanandaj.

## Assad stresses Syria's adherence to principles

**DAMASCUS, Jan. 5 (R)**—President Hafez Al Assad has said that no power on earth could make Syria deviate from its principles.

He was addressing the seventh congress of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party last night at the end of two weeks of deliberations.

The meeting adopted several recommendations designed to check corruption and map out Syria's policy for the coming four years.

The recommendations are expected to be disclosed at a



Afghani demonstrators rip apart an effigy of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev during a protest outside the United Nations in New York Friday, protesting Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. (AP wirephoto)

## Kuwait said mediating Oman-S. Yemen dispute

**KUWAIT, Jan. 5 (R)** — A South Yemeni envoy arrived today on a two-day visit to Kuwait at the start of a Gulf tour to deliver messages from South Yemen's president and foreign minister.

Informed sources said the envoy, Deputy Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, might deal in his discussions here with Kuwait's diplomatic efforts to bring about reconciliation between the two Marxist states and its pro-western neighbour, the Sultanate of Oman.

Relations between the two countries have been strained because of an armed rebellion in Oman's Dhofar province which was crushed in 1976. Oman accused Aden of aiding the leftist insurgency in the province, which borders South Yemen.

Mr. Abdul Rahman met the Kuwaiti foreign ministry undersecretary, Mr. Rashid Al Rashid, immediately on arrival.

The letters from South Yemeni President Abdul Fattah Ismail and Foreign Minister Saleh Vohammad Saleh dealt with bilateral relations and the general Arab situation, the official Aden News Agency said.

Official sources said a meeting was planned in Kuwait last month between South Yemen and

Omani leaders to pave the way for normalising relations. But the meeting was called off after North Yemen offered to play host — an offer which would probably be discussed with the South Yemeni visitor, the sources said.

A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman said in an interview in Aden today that Omani forces had stepped up patrols and returned to outposts which they had left because of a two-year lull in the fighting in Dhofar.

A series of skirmishes between the front's forces and the Omani troops took place in Dhofar last year, the spokesman told the Aden government newspaper "October 14." He said he expected more clashes.

## Pakistani chiefs review aid offer from Washington

**ISLAMABAD, Jan. 5 (R)** — Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Zia Ul Haq, held a lengthy meeting with his defence chiefs today to review developments following the Soviet-backed coup in neighbouring Afghanistan, informed sources said.

The meeting followed President Carter's announcement that the U.S. would supply military equipment, food and other assistance to Pakistan to help counteract the Russian threat to the region.

No details of the talks, which involved chiefs of the army, navy, air force, and military intelligence, were revealed. But western diplomats said the issue of American arms was clearly involved.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Pakistan was still waiting for specific proposals from the United States on the planned aid package.

The United States suspended economic and military aid to Pakistan last year because President Carter was concerned about the country's nuclear programme. Mr. Carter authorised a speed-up of arms deliveries, however, after the Soviet-engineered coup last month in Afghanistan.

Pakistan remains deeply suspicious of Washington's reliability as an arms supplier as a result of previous cut-offs.

Defence Minister Ali Ahmad Talpur told journalists in Peshawar, the north west frontier provincial capital near the Khyber Pass which is the headquarters of the Pakistan Air Force, that the country was quite capable of defending itself against external aggression. Meanwhile Pakistan recalled its ambassadors in Moscow and Kabul for consultations.

## Afghan army unit joins rebels

## Moscow attempts to block U.N. Afghan crisis debate

**UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5 (Agencies)** — The Soviet Union tried to block Security Council debate on the

Afghanistan crisis today asserting that it would amount to interference in Afghan internal affairs.

Mr. Oleg Troyanovsky, the Soviet delegate, said the proposal by the United States, Britain and China and about 50 other countries which support them to involve the council in the question was inadmissible.

Alluding to the dispatch of Soviet troops to Afghanistan, Mr. Troyanovsky said events in that country were the Afghans' internal affair. Relations between Kabul and Moscow were based on their mutual treaty obligations.

The Afghan government appealed repeatedly to the Soviet Union for military aid to repulse outside armed intervention, he said, blaming "imperialist and hegemonistic" forces for attempts to turn back the April, 1978 Afghan revolution.

Moscow's dispatch of "a limited military combat contingent" to Afghanistan was exclusively to prevent this outside intervention, Mr. Troyanovsky said.

The Soviet action was fully in keeping with the right enshrined in the U.N. Charter of all states to individual or collective self-defence.

Security Council consideration of the matter was in keeping only with the interests of "imperialistic and hegemonistic circles which are

carrying out armed intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan," the Soviet delegate said.

In Islamabad, insurgent spokesmen reported today that an Afghan army unit with several dozen tanks and armoured personnel carriers has switched sides

where Soviet assault troops have been trying to break the rebel stronghold on the provinces.

Insurgents said several thousand Soviet troops met stiff resistance in a drive to control the important southern city of Kandahar. They said members of a



## Tito discharged from hospital but needs treatment

**BELGRADE, Jan. 5 (R)**—Yugoslav President Tito left hospital today after undergoing an examination of blood circulation problems in his legs, an official announcement said.

The 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was admitted to a clinic in the northwestern city of Ljubljana two days ago.

A medical bulletin, signed by a group of eight medical professors, said today the president had left the clinic after the examination, but added the "established condition requires further intensive treatment". It gave no further details.

Official sources said yesterday the president had entered hospital for treatment of varicose veins in his legs. They added that he would also have a full medical checkup although his health appeared to be generally good.



President Tito

## Genscher to go to Washington on Jan. 20

**BONN, Jan. 5 (R)**—West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will visit Washington on Jan. 20 for two days as part of a regular exchange of views between the two countries, the foreign ministry announced today.

It said the timing of the visit was agreed when Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was in West Germany last month on a mission to seek support for America's efforts to gain the release of U.S. embassy personnel held hostage in Iran.

The ministry said current world problems would be among the themes discussed during Mr. Genscher's visit. It gave no further details.

and joined tribal rebels fighting the government.

The latest desertion at Urgun-a garrison in Pakhtia province south of Kabul — was the biggest reported since the coup in Afghanistan which installed President Babrak Karmal last week.

As the Russian army has spread from Kabul to the countryside, scattered Afghan army units have left their posts and linked up with the tribal rebels, according to reports reaching Pakistan.

One unconfirmed report said an Afghan army brigade at Hada, a district near Jalalabad, the main garrison town between the Khyber Pass and Kabul, had also joined the rebels yesterday.

There have been reports of fighting near Jalalabad for the past two days following the arrival of Russian troops in the town earlier this week.

Heavy fighting between Afghan troops who had linked with the rebels took place today at Sorh road, about 15 kilometres west of Jalalabad and both the Russians and the rebel army unit suffered heavy casualties, according to the accounts.

The insurgent spokesman also said fighting had taken place near the town last night.

Other fighting was reported in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces along the Soviet border

disident Afghan regular army division had joined rebels to fight the Soviet forces and yesterday prevented efforts by the Russians to fly in supplies.

"The Russians are in the city but do not control it," a spokesman for the National Islamic Front said. Afghanistan's new vice-president today rejected allegations that the Soviet Union had interfered in his country's internal affairs and charged that the United States, China, Saudi Arabia and Egypt had all been involved in forming "anti-Afghan bandit gangs."

In a despatch from Kabul, Tass News Agency quoted vice-President Asadollah Sarvari as saying suggestions of Soviet interference in the country's internal affairs "are nothing but ill-intentioned lies."

Western correspondents were allowed into Afghanistan today for the first time since the coup but found few signs of the big Soviet armada of troops and armour reported at Kabul airport only days ago. Only two large Antonov transports and a dozen helicopters were to be seen at the airport, they said.

The airport, decorated with such slogans as "Long live international proletarianism," was calm. Only a few soldiers stood guard at an airport gate.

## Regional Briefs

**TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (R)**—An organisation calling itself "Falcons of the Islamic Revolution" claimed responsibility for the murder of a man, including two women, whose bodies were found in Tehran today, police said. A police spokesman told Reuters the bodies of the two women were pinned to the club-beaten bodies of the two women who had been executed for being prostitutes. The spokesman said the group also claimed responsibility in a call to newspapers for the murder of a father and son, alleged to be smugglers, whose bodies were found elsewhere in north Tehran. The Falcons organisation was previously unknown. Its note said the women had been tried and sentenced to death.

**BAHJAD, Jan. 5 (R)**—Djibouti's President Hassan Gouled left today for home after a four-day visit during which he concluded an agreement for economic and technical cooperation with Iraq. The Iraqi News Agency said the agreement also provided for increasing cooperation in the fields of culture, information and tourism. Under the accord, Iraq will be carrying out a number of development projects in Djibouti, it added. President Gouled was accompanied by several government ministers on his trip — the last since August 1977 when he visited the country two months after Djibouti's independence. His latest visit to Iraq followed a similar trip to Saudi Arabia last week.

**KUWAIT, Jan. 5 (R)**—Kuwait today confirmed that it had treasured the price of its liquefied export gas by about 14 per cent skidded to Jan. 1. An oil ministry spokesman said the average price would be \$301.2 per tonne after the latest increase. The price of butane had been increased from \$292 to \$332 a tonne and propane from \$241 to \$272 a tonne, the spokesman said. It was a sixth increase since last August when Kuwait started raising prices on a monthly basis. Kuwait's average gas prices have risen by 148 per cent since January last year.

**ROME, Jan. 5 (R)**—The Italian News Agency (ANSA) reported that Libyan Oil Minister Ezzeddin Mabrouk was dismissed from post today by the ruling General People's Congress. The congress named Mr. Abdul Salam Zagar to replace him, the agency said in a dispatch from Tripoli. Trade Minister Abu Bakr Effi was also reported to have been relieved of his post and placed by Mr. Buzet Darda. Mr. Mabrouk, a former judge, had been oil minister since 1970. The General People's Congress decided to institute a secretariat (ministry) for Islamic affairs, headed by former Education Minister Mohammad Ahmad Arif. The rector of Benghazi University, Mr. Abdul Hafid Ahmad Zilini, was appointed education minister.

**TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (R)**—Two European oilmen who went missing days ago in Kuwait have been located in an Iraqi jail, the Gulf Daily News reported today. The two men, who were not identified, were traced to the jail yesterday. The newspaper did not say whether they were still being held by the Iraqi authorities. The newspaper quoted a friend as saying that the men, employees of an unnamed oil company, had set off to work on a rig but lost their way in the desert and crossed into Iraq by mistake. It was believed they were lost in the desert for three days before being picked up by an Iraqi security patrol, the newspaper said.

**ROME, Jan. 5 (R)**—The Libyan Jamahiriyah today broke off relations with Al Fateh, the biggest group within the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the Italian News Agency (ANSA) reported. In a dispatch from Tripoli, ANSA said the decision was taken by the Libyan General People's Congress which is currently setting in the Libyan capital. Al Fateh is headed by Mr. Yasser Arafat, who also leads the PLO itself. ANSA quoted sources in Tripoli as saying Libya would continue to support the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), another member of the PLO, and other groups which believed in armed struggle. The PLO representative in Tripoli left Libya last month after his organisation criticised Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi for trying to influence its policies.



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## King sends message to Qadhafi

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a message to the Libyan leader, Col. Muammer Al Qadhafi, dealing with current Arab affairs and Jordanian-Libyan relations. The message was carried by Minister of State Hassan Ibrahim who left for Tripoli today.

## Cable to Waldheim appeals for halt to JDEC takeover

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — The executive bureau of the Islamic Congress in Amman today sent cables to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and the Security Council president appealing to them to halt Israel's seizure of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company.

Israel's attempt to take over the Arab Company against its will and the will of the village councils in the Jerusalem area represents a new step in Israel's infringement of Arab rights in the Jerusalem area, and constitutes a drastic change of property ownership and sovereignty in the occupied areas in violation of U.N. resolutions, the cables said.

## Arab media key in JDEC case

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JT) — The head of the Jerusalem District Electricity Company's workers union, Mr. Abed Abu Diab, leaves here Sunday for Jerusalem after representing the company in discussions with Jordanian officials on the board of directors and employees decision to fight the proposed takeover of the company by Israel in one year's time.

He also discussed with them today steps to be followed in appealing against the decision to the United Nations and the International Court of Justice in the Hague.

In a statement to the Jordan Times, Mr. Abu Diab said "the situation now depends on how the Arab media take up this issue and how they play it up so as to make Arab and Islamic countries in particular and non-aligned and friendly countries in general aware of the full dimensions of the Israeli decision. This would enable us to stand up to the takeover bid and to render it void."

"The city of Jerusalem and its institutions are Arab in character and affiliation and will remain so even while Israel occupies the city. The occupation will end one day," he added.

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) will discuss the decision during its session tomorrow. It is expected that the decision will be met with strong opposition from some members of the Knesset, he said.

## Family survey to set price index

By Norah Barger  
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AMMAN, Jan. 5 — The new year marked the start of a survey which will establish Jordan's first reliable base for a consumer price index, and help pinpoint particular areas of inflation in the country.

The study, called the family expenditure survey, consists of intensive interviews conducted with 2,100 households all over Jordan in order to ascertain their consumption patterns, for both goods and services.

The households, which are both urban and rural, are located in all five governorates and were scientifically selected as representative of the kingdom's population. Mr. Washhour Shennag, chief of the prices and cost of living section of the Department of Statistics, told the Jordan Times today.

The survey will take a year to complete, he said. Each family will be interviewed every three months, for a total of four times during the year. The entire year is needed in order to evaluate seasonal changes in consumption patterns. "You can't buy watermelon in January," Mr. Shennag explained.

The survey asks questions in six areas. Characteristics of the families involved — number of members, their age and sex, etc. — are recorded in the first part, along with information on the family's housing in the second part.

The second part involves daily expenditures. It asks specific questions on the quantity, value and price unit of each item of food consumed, as well as outlays made for medicine, transport, personal care and other daily costs, over a seven-day period.

The third part includes the value of commodities, such as



His Majesty King Hussein meets with local Islamic leaders Saturday

## King meets local Islamic leaders

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein met at the Royal Court this afternoon with heads and members of Islamic organizations in Jordan.

King Hussein noted that Jordan played a role in the past and is playing one today whose value, he said, springs from the gathering of Jordanian people around the faith in which they believe.

His Majesty said, "Our religion is that of faith, good conduct, knowledge, love and equality; it unites rather than separates; it unites for love rather than for hatred; it is the religion of faith and constructive work. The call for constructive work rather than laziness and dependency is the core of our belief."

Islam is the religion of simplicity, clarity and high values, he added.

The King referred to the duty of protecting progress in this exposed part of the world, which carries the burden of confronting the challenges and dangers on behalf of the Arabs and Muslims.

"We have Jerusalem near us and the holy

places in Mecca, Medina and in all the Arab and Islamic countries around us."

King Hussein called for the adoption of wisdom and goodness in preaching about religion, because with positive preaching the younger generation is given an opportunity to equip itself with the knowledge that can help it maintain its religion and faith and preserve the progress of its country.

The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, spoke after the King, noting that His Majesty, since assuming the leadership of Jordan, has been a moderate in calling and working for the protection of enlightened Islamic thought. He has led Jordan in a wise, forgiving, and balanced way which embodies the true Islamic spirit.

The meeting was attended by the Chief of the Royal Court, Mr. Ahmad Lawzi, the Court Minister, Mr. Amer Khammash, the Chief Justice, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan, and the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Kamel Al Sharif.

## Civil defence men hailed by building residents after fire

By Serene R. Farraj  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 5 — Fire broke out in a four-storey residential building in a newly developed area of Western Shennag last night, causing considerable damage to the building, but no casualties.

The fire started as the result of an electric short circuit in the boiler room and then rapidly spread to the upper storeys. Electric metres began to burst and electric wires exploded into flames throughout the building. Fire engines rushed to the scene and began to fight the blaze, but they were only able to extinguish the fire completely after an hour, when electricians arrived to cut off electric power to the building. The residents were rescued from balconies by firemen using fire engine ladders.

The residents, who number around 40, were very pleased when they saw the civil defence men coming to visit them the next

day. One of the residents told the Jordan Times: "We are really grateful to the civil defence men. They risked their lives for our sake. They arrived in less than 10 minutes, while, on the other hand, no one arrived from the electricity company for at least one hour."

He added that of course the electricity men have their excuses, but "it was a really frightening experience, the electricity system burned down completely, and no one could do anything about it other than experts from the electricity company. Finally they arrived, and they managed to disconnect electricity from the area."

Men from the electricity company were at work today, trying to repair the damage.

When the fire broke out, all the men in the building rushed down to the boiler room. "I was really frightened," one woman said.

"My husband rushed down to see what was happening, and all men in the building followed him. As a result women and children were

stuck in the building alone."

We immediately rushed to the balconies, calling for someone to help, but the men couldn't come up again due to the heavy smoke that filled the building."

She went on to say: "We were then rescued by ladders that reached as high as the second storey only, so people living on higher floors had to rush down to the second floor in spite of the heavy smoke that engulfed us from head to toe."

Another man said: "My children were crying all the time; they were calling me from the balcony. I was very tense. It took me five minutes to tell the civil defence men that my children were up there."

One woman echoed everyone's sentiments when she said: "I was very relieved when the civil defence men arrived at my house," she said. "I didn't know what to do when my husband was stuck outside the building."

## Bids for white cement factory due by March 1

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — The Syrian-Jordanian Company for Industry will receive by March 1 bids from seven international companies for the construction of a white cement factory, the company's Director General, Mr. Khaled Najdawi, said here today.

He said the estimated JD 12 million company will be set up in the Qasr Al Hallabat area, some 60 kilometres northeast of Amman, and is expected to have an initial annual production capacity of 100,000 tonnes.

The factory, which is expected

to start production by 1982, should be able to supply Jordan and Syria with their white cement requirements.

The company, he said, will at the end of this month receive feasibility studies conducted by seven international car companies for the construction of a car assembly plant to manufacture small cars and pickups.

The plant, expected to cost between JD 10 million and JD 15 million, will have an initial annual production capacity of 250 vehicles, Mr. Najdawi said.

## NCC to debate regulations setting a precedent here

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JT) — The cabinet is soon expected to submit for the first time in Jordan a set of new regulations to the National Consultative Council (NCC) for discussion.

An informed source told the Jordan Times that the recently formed cabinet has decided to reevaluate new civil service regulations, which had already been approved by the former cabinet but not put into effect by royal

decree.

He added that the cabinet will make some amendments in the regulations that will increase efficiency and performance of the government.

The regulations will later be referred to the NCC for discussion, the source said. This will be the first time that regulations have been submitted for approval to the council, which heretofore has only discussed laws.

## APC head goes to Dublin for meeting on plant bid

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — Director General of the Arab Potash Company (APC), Mr. Ali Khasawneh, will leave for Dublin tomorrow to take part in a meeting scheduled for Jan. 10, called to consider bids submitted by international firms to build a potash processing plant at the company's site near the southern tip of the Dead Sea.

Faking part in the meeting will also be representatives of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the United States Agency for International

Development (USAID), the World Bank and APC consultants.

Originally some 158 firms submitted bids to build the processing plant but these were shortlisted to four, from Britain, Austria, France and West Germany, Khasawneh said.

He said the participants will discuss progress in the work of the potash company and various stages already completed. Khasawneh will be accompanied by a number of senior APC officials.

## Local news brief

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — The National Consultative Council educational committee today endorsed an amendment to the country's educational law for 1980. The amendment will now be referred to the council for final approval.

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate today said that a total of 26 incidents occurred in Jordan yesterday, resulting in the death of two people and the injury of others. Among these, he said, there were nine road accidents, three thefts and two fires.

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — An educational delegation from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) arrived in Amman today for a three-day visit to Jordan. Its members will hold talks at the Ministry of Education on ways of Jordanian-UAE educational cooperation. The delegation will also acquaint itself with Jordanian educational systems and visit a number of educational institutions.

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — The Prince Mohammad Bridge (Damay) across the River Jordan will reopen for travellers on Sunday, spokesman for the Public Security Directorate said today. The closure for the last two days was for maintenance work on the bridge.

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — A senior official from the Libyan Labour Department, Mr. Salem Mohammad Shourabaji, arrived in Amman today for a month-long visit to Jordan. He will hold talks with officials at the Ministry of Labour and will familiarise himself with Jordanian labour regulations.

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — The recent developments in Afghanistan were among the main international issues reviewed today by the Chinese ambassador to Jordan and the secretary general of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Zaki Qusous. They also discussed the forthcoming visit to Jordan by a Chinese agricultural delegation.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The current American attitude of preparation for a conflict is "to emphasize the U.S. image," just as the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan is aimed at "strengthening the Soviet image."

What has happened and is currently happening is a chapter in the continuous conflict between the superpowers for influence and domination. Therefore, it is not the first chapter nor the last, despite the diversity of fronts and the distances between them, ranging from the Horn of Africa to Afghanistan.

What most threatens our region is to let any force use our area to exercise and show its muscles. The immediate enthusiasm shown by Israel and the Egyptian regime to involve the area in the crisis is an outcome of the Camp David process, which aims at putting the region at the disposal of the United States, whenever it is called for.

The Arab countries are called upon to be extremely vigilant towards the new chapter in the conflict between the two superpowers and to exercise due caution with respect to the "trap" engineered by the Camp David parties — who promptly offered military facilities, including their bases, to the U.S. — so that no Arab party will fall in the trap, even indirectly.

AL DUSTOUR: The Afghan crisis and its consequences have revealed indisputably that the countries of the region, which is still trying to create a balance in its relations with Moscow and Washington, seem completely unable to prevent Soviet intervention, just as they are totally unable to prevent the imminent American intervention.

From this perspective, the cold war which has broken out between the two superpowers must lead in one way or another to classify the countries in the region into those who approve of the Soviet intervention and those who approve of the countering American action.

Consequently, the countries of the region — both in the Middle East and in western Asia — will in one way or another be candidates for becoming the scene of a confrontation between East and West.

We do not know who is responsible for preventing this harmful polarisation, whose signs have become clear, by denouncing or supporting the Soviet and American practices. Is it the duty of the Arab League, the Islamic conference or the non-aligned countries?

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Dept. of Culture and Arts, presents an exhibition of contemporary German graphic art from the art centres of Stuttgart, Karlsruhe and Munich. The exhibition is on display during regular hours until Saturday, January 12.



AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JNA) — Some 20 department heads in the Public Security Directorate began a two-week course in public relations today. The objective of the course is to introduce a new and more up to date idea of dealing with the public and

the media to police officials, which should lead to happier relations with the people they serve. In the picture above, Assistant Director General of Public Security for Traffic, Brig. Muhammad Ali Al Amin, launches the course at the Institute of Public Administration in Amman.

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## First heavy snow hits high areas in Jordan

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 5 — "Even in a blizzard," said one of the foreign residents after driving his car at the base of the hill leading to his house in the city area. The occasion was the first heavy snowfall of the season in Jordan.

Usually, the snow has been accompanied by flashes of light and thunderclaps.

A number of roads have been closed due to the weather. The Security Directorate closed the Jerash-Irbid road as

"difficult to use" and added that the roads between Jerash and Ajloun, Amman and Sweich, Sweich and Salt, and the Ras Al Naqurah Road were closed.

This evening, snowploughs went to work to clear the University Road, and other streets in south Amman, although work was proceeding slowly as snow continued to fall. Snowploughs will also be brought into other areas after work is completed in this area.

The Meteorological Department told the Jordan Times that the snowfall was due to a depression centred over the middle of

Turkey that is associated with a very cold air mass. It is also causing bad weather in Syria, Turkey and Cyprus.

The temperature in Amman reached nine degrees today, but hovered around zero when the snow started this evening. Winds averaged 25 knots, gusting to 50

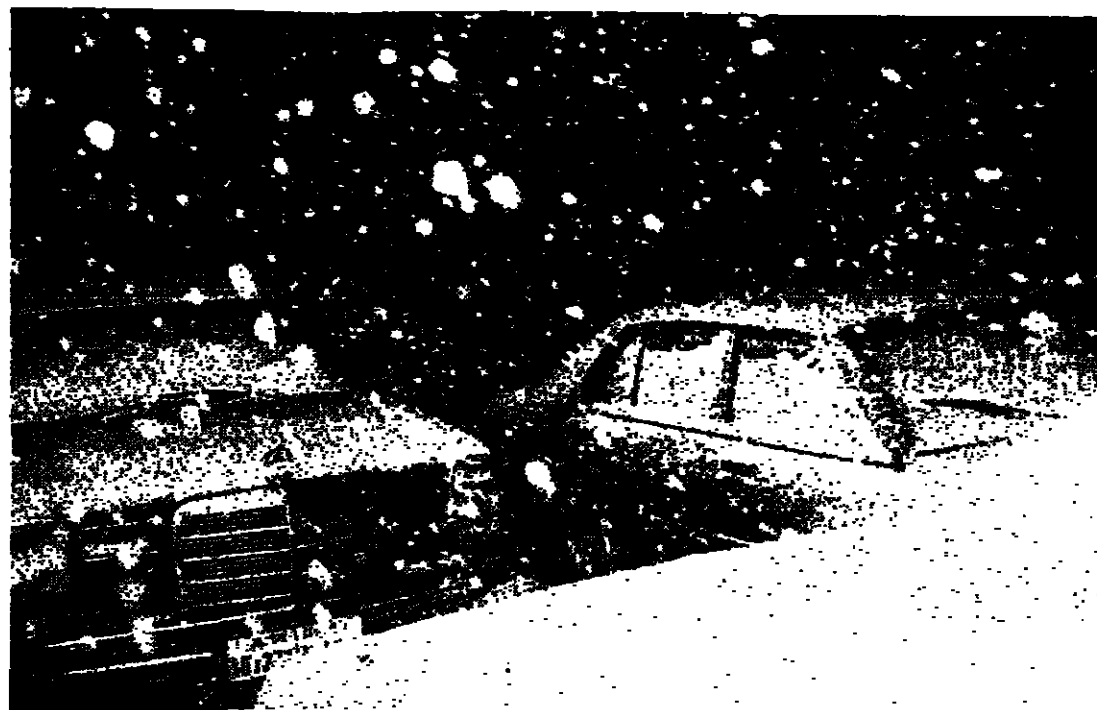
which, according to the department, is unusual, but not unknown in very cold weather.

Snow was confined to areas over 4,000 feet (1,300 metres) in altitude, so the Jordan Valley, for instance, had none.

The low-pressure zone causing the disturbances is moving very slowly to the east and more snow

is expected in the coming 24 hours. The Meteorological Department did not rule out the possibility of snow on Monday.

Even while snow was forming spectacular snowdrifts throughout the city, one sceptical resident commented, "The problem with snow in Jordan is that you make a few snowballs and it's gone."



## People ...in the news

AMMAN'S FIRST respectable snow of the season prevented many automobiles from climbing slick hills, but didn't keep over 100 friends of Dr. Ghaleb Barakat away from the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel, where a reception was held Saturday evening in his honour.

The affair for the outgoing minister of tourism and antiquities was put on by his successor, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, and attended by guests from all sectors of the tourism industry, the government, and the private sector.

Dr. Barakat has worked in the government's tourism sector for an impressive 27 years, and has been minister of tourism for seven years and 10 months — a new record for his ministry. The Jordan Times joins in congratulating him on a long and successful career.

Mr. Gerard Zimmerman has some good news for his friends. Although he has



Former Minister of Tourism, Dr. Ghaleb Barakat (second from left) chats with Director of Tourism Michael Hamurneh (to his left) and the present minister, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz (second from right) at a reception held in his honour Saturday night.

already been given a going away party, he will not be leaving for Bonn after all.

Instead he and his Jordanian wife, Marousha, will be moving to Nairobi, Kenya in about four months.

The Frenchman came to Jordan 17 years ago as a member of his embassy's staff here. Several years ago he left the French government to enter private bus-

ness, but now he's re-entering his country's service.

When Mr. Zimmerman visited Paris recently, it was to make final arrangements before going to Bonn. However, the French government decided to send Mr. Zimmerman to Nairobi instead. But he's not disappointed: "I'm not in a hurry to go back to Europe," he said.

## Christmas is white for some in Jordan

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (JT) — With predicted for tomorrow and only the next day, it may be a Christmas for some in Jordan.

Jan. 7 is the day the birth of

### TODAY'S WEATHER

will be cloudy, very cold and with snow in hilly areas. There will be another drop in temperature, and winds will be westerly strong. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy with scattered rain, southerly strong winds and rough seas.

Overnight	Daytime
low	high
1	5
8	15
in Valley	12
ts	1

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

dollar	293.50/295.50
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new yen	125.30/126.10
guilider	155.10/156.00
franc	105.30/105.90
Swiss crown	70.90/71.30

Christ is celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox churches. They follow the Julian calendar in which the holiday occurs 13 days after it does on the Western, Gregorian calendar.

Christmas is celebrated by all Christians in Jordan on Dec. 25 by an agreement made three years ago between the eastern and western rite churches here.

Only the Greek Orthodox church continues to offer a service on Jan. 7 for parishioners who would rather not comply with the agreement.

In the very early churches in the east and in some in the west, Christmas was actually celebrated on Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany (manifestation). After the 6th century, the church in Rome moved the date of the birth of Christ to Dec. 25 and Jan. 6 became the culminating day of the Christmas season — the twelfth day of Christmas. People celebrated the manifestation of Jesus, to the magi — the three wise men on this day.

Today, Epiphany celebrates not only the magi's adoration of Jesus but also the manifestation of Jesus

as someone more than human as recorded in two Biblical incidents. One of these is his first miracle performed at the wedding feast of Cana where he changed water into wine. The other is the baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist.

The latter meaning of the feast day is the one favoured by Jordanians. In honour of the baptism they prepare a special sweet called zalabia. A sort of pancake made from wheat, yeast, sugar and water, zalabia is fried in olive oil and then soaked in a sweet syrup before being served.

### AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing
Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	95	4,700	4,700	4,700
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	300	2,380	2,380	2,380
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	3500	1,350	1,350	1,350
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	31167	1,340	1,300	1,340
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	500	1,360	1,360	1,360
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	110	1,630	1,630	1,630
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	55	92,000	89,000	92,000
Dar Al Sha'ab	JD 1,000	1100	0,990	0,990	0,990
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	4150	2,500	2,500	2,500
Arab International Hotels	JD 1,000	1450	0,740	0,720	0,740
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	50	1,330	1,330	1,330
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1628	1,420	1,420	1,420
United Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	50	4,840	4,840	4,840
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 10,000	100	2,300	2,300	2,300
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	300	0,700	0,700	0,700
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1588	8,900	8,850	8,850
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	25554	1,800	1,710	1,800
Int. Construction and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	5840	0,920	0,920	0,920

Total Volume Traded on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1980: JD 128,529

Total number of shares traded: 77,537

#### Government Development Bonds

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Incredibly, no-one was killed in a spectacular crash involving these two trucks on accident-prone University Road on Saturday. In flipping over, the large lorry at right knocked askew a telephone pole and

light standard. Conveniently for the drivers of the vehicles, the accident occurred at the entrance to Jordan University Hospital. (Photos by Youssef Allan)

# Good news, every day, from Jordan





## Italy, Brazil to decide on Gold Cup entry

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay, Jan. 5 (R)—Italy and Brazil were apparently still undecided today on whether they would take part in the Gold Cup for world soccer champions due to be staged in Uruguay late this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup. At a meeting of the six-nation organising committee here Thursday night Italy objected to a decision adopted by the other five which would have the tournament divided into two groups with the winner of the one playing the runnerup of the other in the finals. Italian delegate Artemio Franchi said this would allow a non-winner of a group to win the cup and would also extend the tournament for three or four days more than was absolutely necessary. The two-group system was approved by Argentina, Brazil, The Netherlands, Uruguay and West Germany. The Italian objection forced the organisers to postpone the draw for the cup until after receiving a definite reply from Italy, expected towards the end of January, a spokesman for the organisers said. International Football Association president Joao Havelange of Brazil said here earlier this week that Brazil would definitely take part in the tournament. But newly-elected president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, Guilielmo Coutinho, told the local daily La Manana by telephone that a definite decision would only be taken after he assumes office later this month. The Netherlands, twice World Cup runners up but never winners, were invited to take part in the Gold Cup after England, 1966 champions, declined an invitation. Uruguay, who staged and won the first World Cup in 1930, won it again in 1950. Brazil won it three times and West Germany and Italy twice each. Argentina and England won it once each.

## Rugby union votes for S. African tour

LONDON, Jan. 5 (R)—The English Rugby Union yesterday voted in favour of sending a British Lions team to South Africa later this year. Their decision, taken at a meeting here, makes it almost certain that the tour will in fact take place. The three other British Isles unions—Scotland, Wales and Ireland—are also expected to confirm their backing for the tour when the committee of the four home unions meets to make a final decision here on Sunday.

If the tour does go ahead it is certain to have wide ranging repercussions with the 1980 summer Olympic Games in Moscow possibly affected. African nations decided in Yaounde last month to call for Britain's expulsion from the Moscow Games if the British Lions went to South Africa.

A statement issued by Bob Weighill, secretary of the English Rugby Union (RFU) after yesterday's meeting said: "The RFU committee at a meeting in London yesterday decided to support the British Isles Rugby Union tour to South Africa in 1980. This decision was taken after full debate and careful consideration of all implications including the reading of a letter from Mr. Hector Monro (the British sports minister) who once again stated the government's view. The decision will now be conveyed to the committee of the home unions."

Weighill refused to say whether the decision to back the tour was unanimous. The British government's view referred to in the statement is that the tour should not take place.

## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## U.K. football results

LONDON, Jan. 5 (R)—Results of British football matches today were:

## English Football Association Cup second round

Northwich two, Wigan two. Winners away to Chelsea third round)

## FA Cup second round replay

Wimbledon zero, Portsmouth one. (Winners home to Middlesbrough third round)

## English FA Cup third round

Altrincham one, Orient one.  
Birmingham two, Southampton one.  
Bristol City six, Derby two.  
Burnley one, Stoke zero.  
Cardiff zero, Arsenal one.  
Carlisle three, Bradford two.  
Chesham zero, Cambridge two.  
Everton four, Aldershot one.  
Halifax one, Manchester City zero.  
Leeds one, Notts Forest four.  
Leicester one, Harlow one.  
Liverpool five, Grimsby zero.  
Luton zero, Swindon two.  
Mansfield zero, Brighton two.  
Millwall five, Shrewsbury one.  
Newcastle zero, Chester two.  
Notts County one, Wolverhampton three.  
Oldham zero, Coventry one.  
Preston zero, Ipswich three.  
Queens Park Rangers one, Watford two.  
Reading two, Colchester zero.  
Sunderland zero, Bolton one.  
Swansea two, Crystal Palace two.  
Tottenham one, Manchester United one.  
West Bromwich one, West Ham one.  
Wrexham six, Charlton zero.  
Yeovil zero, Norwich three.  
Blackburn v Fulham and Rochdale v Bury both postponed.

## West Indies - W. Australia cricket test

PERTH, Australia, Jan. 5 (AP)—Western Australian fast bowler Terry Alderman moved a step closer to test selection when he

helped rout the West Indies for 169 on the opening day of the four-day game here today. The 23-year-old Alderman maintained a lively pace in heat wave conditions and swung the ball expertly to finish with five for 47 off 18 overs. His victims were Lawrence Rowe (3), Clive Lloyd (9), David Murray (15), Joel Garner (4) and Derek Parry (32). Alderman received excellent support from medium-pace swing bowler Mick Malone, who took four for 48 off 14.2 overs. There was little excuse for the paltry display by the West Indian batsmen on a perfect pitch and in ideal conditions. The side was dismissed seven minutes before the scheduled tea break off only 55.2 overs. Generally it was a lack of application and slips of batting that caused the collapse. Hayney, Parry and Marshall were the only batsmen to show any real determination on a pitch that provided little assistance for the bowlers. The sides most experienced batsmen—Rowe, Lloyd and Alvin Kallicharan—were all out when attempting to hook. Rowe and Lloyd had their feet out of position and completely mistimed their shots. Kallicharan was out for 13 when he hooked a ball from Con Michale in the middle of the bat, but straight to Tony Mann at square leg. The brightest spot came when King was at the wicket. He decided it was too hot to run singles, two's or three's. So he simply launched a fierce attack on the bowlers to hammer seven fours in his score of 28 off 14 deliveries before he was bowled by Malone.

## Champions' Trophy hockey standings

KARACHI, Jan. 5 (R)—Current standings after today's matches in the Champions' Trophy Hockey tournament:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
West Germany	2	2	0	0	4
Australia	2	1	1	0	3
Netherlands	2	1	0	1	2
India	2	0	1	1	1
Britain	2	0	0	2	0
Spain	2	0	0	2	0

## Australia control test with England

SYDNEY, Jan. 5 (R)—England's batsmen again wasted the hard work put in by their bowlers here today to allow Australia to regain control of the second cricket test. At the end of the second day the match was shaping into a repeat of the seesaw battle in the

first test, won by Australia three weeks ago when England's batting also let them down. The game resumes tomorrow, England 31 for three in their second innings, giving them 16-run lead. England's bowlers, from hard working pacer Botham to occasional medium pacer Graham Gooch, have reason to be disappointed by their side's predicament. England were all out for 123 this morning their bowlers back well, dismissing Australia for 145 shortly after tea.

## FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 6, 1980

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A very good day and time to use your mind to good advantage, especially thinking out a course of action which you can best up in the days ahead. Use common sense.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Try to be more helpful those you are fond of and who need help at this time, time in morning to meditate.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Look over your pro and make plans for improvement. Plan how to set your finances so you have more security.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Be consistent in dealing with family members and increase harmony at home a very good day for visiting.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** You can gain the data you need by going to the right sort. Later visit with key friends and relations.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Plan how to have a far greater income in the future. Study property you have an how to improve it in some way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Be sensible in matters of communications and get excellent results together with loyal friends in the afternoon.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Do that investigating will bring you the confidential information you Make this a most worthwhile day.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Concentrate on how more productive in the days ahead. Show more day for your mate and express happiness together.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Plan time handling certain duties that require precision. Show consideration for loved ones.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Express your view in no uncertain terms with others so they where you stand. Seek understanding.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Carry through regular routines early in the day, and then handle c to which you have committed yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Have those talks associates that bring greater rapport and understand. Discuss future with family members.

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